GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Mobile Dispensaries
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the States/UTs where mobile medical vans/dispensaries/units are presently in operation along with the facilities available especially for the rural population therefrom;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for setting up mobile medical vans/dispensaries/ units, if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and current year, State/UTwise; and

(d) the time by which the said service is likely to be introduced in all the uncovered areas including rural and backward areas of the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): The details about number of Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) operational in States/UTs across the country during 2015-16 are placed at Annexure-I. Mobile Medical units have been envisaged to provide preventive, promotive and curative care primarily in underserved or unserved areas. Services provided by the MMUs vary from State to State. However, suggested package of services to be provided in MMU may be seen at Annexure-II.

(b): A statement showing proposals received from the States/UTs for setting up Mobile Medical vans/dispensaries/units as per their PIP of 2016-17 is provided at Annexure-III. Except for Dadra & Nagar Haveli, these have been appraised by the National Programme Coordination Committee.

(c): Funds to States under NRHM Flexipool are released as lumpsum and not for individual activity. Statements showing approval and utilization of funds during the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 for MMUs are given at Annexure-IV. Data for the current year is not available.

(d): Under National Health Mission (NHM), funds are provided to States/UTs as per the requirements projected by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). NHM Framework allows MMUs to be provided to render services in unserved and underserved areas. However, approval of MMUs for any area is subject to states including such a proposal in their PIP within their resource envelope.